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Applicant: William J. McBRIDE et al.

Title: RADIOMETAL-BINDING PEPTIDE ANALOGUES

Appl. No.: 09/676,783

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Examiner: Tahira H Bhatti

Art Unit: 1627

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, for examination, with traverse.

Applicants traverse the restriction among Groups I-VIII. It is improper to separate methods of use into distinct groups. No basis exists in the MPEP for such a restriction. Therefore, withdrawal of this requirement is respectfully urged.

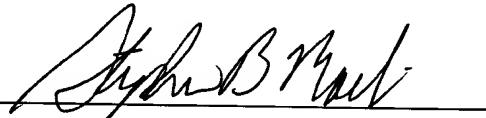
The Action further communicates a requirement for an election of species. In response, Applicants elect the species of the peptide IMP 117 Tscg-Cys-Asp-D-Phe-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-OH MH + 1381 as the single peptide.

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Applicants now await an Office Action on the merits in this case. Should there be any question concerning this application, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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